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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	19835	Agenda Number	60.
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Meeting Date:	12/6/2012	Department:	Watershed Protection
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of Amendment No. 8 to an Interlocal Agreement with the University of North Texas for a native vegetation restoration project to be conducted in Lake Austin and Lady Bird Lake extending the termination date to December 31, 2015, in an amount not to exceed \$120,000, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$645,000.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$40,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 CIP Budget of the Watershed Protection Department. The remaining amount is in the project spending plan but is dependent on future CIP budgets.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is attached.

Purchasing Language:	Contract Amendment
Prior Council Action:	2004 - 2011: Council authorized negotiation and execution of the initial Interlocal Agreement and Amendments 1 - 7.
For More Information:	Mike Personett, 974-2652; Edward Peacock, 974-2224; Mary Gilroy, 974-2717, Steven Cocke, Buyer II, 974-2003
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9C of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this contract.
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

On March 2, 2005, the City entered into the Interlocal Agreement with the University of North Texas for a program to establish native aquatic plant founder colonies to provide habitat for fish and other aquatic wildlife, to maintain benefits of improved water quality associated with aquatic vegetation, to reduce re-infestation of hydrilla in Lake Austin, and to reduce the likelihood of infestation of hydrilla in Lady Bird Lake. Seven previously approved amendments to the Interlocal Agreement have expanded the program, adding more founder colonies, and expanding monitoring and managing existing colonies.

Amendment No. 8 adds \$120,000 to the agreement over three years for continued maintenance of aquatic plant founder colonies, including additional installations of larger herbivore exclosures. Additional work will occur in conjunction with current City riparian restoration efforts, through the establishment and maintenance of desirable native plants along Lady Bird Lake's shoreline where other activities have reduced or prevented plant community

development. In particular, the shoreline downstream of the Congress Street Bridge, recently cleared of trees to improve views of the Mexican free-tailed bat emergence, will be planted with low-growing native shrubs and herbaceous species to minimize erosion and invasion by less desirable vegetation. Native aquatic, emergent and other riparian species will be established in areas where the City conducted control efforts for the invasive giant cane on Lady Bird Lake in 2011 and 2012.

Contract Summary		
Action	Description	Amount
Original Contract	The establishment of native aquatic plant founder colonies in order to provide habitat for fish and other aquatic wildlife. Contract shall take effect upon full execution (3/2/05) and expire three years later.	\$175,000
Amendment No.1	Establishment of native aquatic plants in Barton Springs Pool.	\$10,000
Amendment No. 2	Monitor existing founder colony sites in Lady Bird Lake and Lake Austin.	\$20,000
Amendment No. 3	Maintenance of existing sites, as well as expanding the number of sites and founder colonies in both lakes. This Amendment shall begin on February 1, 2008 and shall terminate on January 31, 2009, or at such time as the Scope of work described herein has been completed and accepted by all parties.	\$110,000
Amendment No. 4	Maintenance of existing sites, including construction of larger protective structures at appropriate sites, as well as additional plantings for minimizing shoreline erosion.	\$60,000
Amendment No. 5	Test management techniques for shoreline erosion control in Lake Austin	\$15,000
Amendment No. 6	Continued maintenance of existing sites, including construction of larger protective structures at appropriate sites, as well as introduction of bio-control agents.	\$105,000
Amendment No. 7	Assessment and management of invasive riparian plants along Lady Bird Lake. This will include a guidance document for giant cane, initial restoration work, and pilot study of control of elephant ear infestation.	\$30,000
Proposed Amendment No. 8	Continued maintenance of aquatic plant founder colonies on both lakes, including installation of additional larger herbivore exclosures where appropriate. Establishment of native riparian plants at selected sites on Lady Bird Lake, particularly in areas where invasive giant cane has been controlled.	\$120,000
	Revised Total Contract Amount	\$645,000